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2. Specification [Total Pages **3**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **9**]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages **16**]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
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5. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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 - a. Computer Readable Copy
 - b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
9. English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Statement
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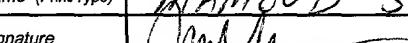
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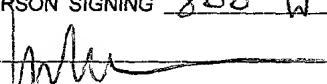
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2. SPECIFICATION

a) Descriptive title of the invention

Risk Management for Manufacturing Environment

b) Cross References to Related Application

- i) trading systems
- ii) securities
- iii) supply chain management
- iv) global cash management and settlement
- v) market data and analytics

c) Background of the Invention

Despite several trillion dollars in annual volume and a relentless pace of innovation in the manufacturing sector, the global market in major industrial commodities remains a jumble of inefficient sales and purchasing channels. Poor information, entrenched relationships, costly travel and needless paperwork regularly lead to inflated costs, dramatic price swings, significant transaction risk and a high degree of uncertainty about product quality, availability and delivery. Even though there have been rapid gains in productivity in most aspects of manufacturing due to advances in technology and management techniques, the buying-selling process has generally lagged behind because of a lack of modern tools. One of the essential reasons for this deficiency is the high cost of owning and maintaining the infrastructure required to create a common global platform necessary to eliminate the risk of doing business globally.

d) Brief Summary of the Invention

an automated, double-sided real-time auction with built-in financial settlement. A new business model provides a mechanism which guarantees price as well as availability of in-process-materials for manufacturers.

e) Brief Description of the Drawings

- i) A pyramid representing the relationship of main elements
- ii) Risk elements in manufacturing (3 sketches)
- iii) Selection process of manufactured products (3 sketches)
- iv) Global cash management
- v) Global physical delivery

f) Detailed Description

- Integration of trading platform into:
 1. financial cash management engine (ACH and non ACH) , automating clearing/settlement system for executed matched trades in real time
 2. data exchange engine, automating receive and dispatch of physicals before and after the matched orders are identified.
- knowledge based engines which provides a methodology to generate products that can in turn be “securitized”
 1. classification of manufacturers parts
 2. extraction and compilation of sales figures per product
 3. application of 80/20 rule to compute products market share
 4. rationalizing products grouping based on the above
 5. extraction of technical spec per product category
 6. rationalizing manufacturers part numbers based on specs
 7. generating generic product specs
- risk management engine (margin maintenance)
 1. development of multi-level trading (forwards and futures on a common platform)
 2. a methodology of making international trade currency neutral
 3. developing manufacturers business rating combining financial with trade history
 4. methodology for computing real time manufacturers earnings based on commodities index
 5. methodology for computing real time manufacturers earnings based on currency exchange
- interfaces
 1. Common platform to interchange data between windows environment and web based databases for data capturing
 2. As above, but for data transmittal
- A full system integration of all the above modules in a web environment

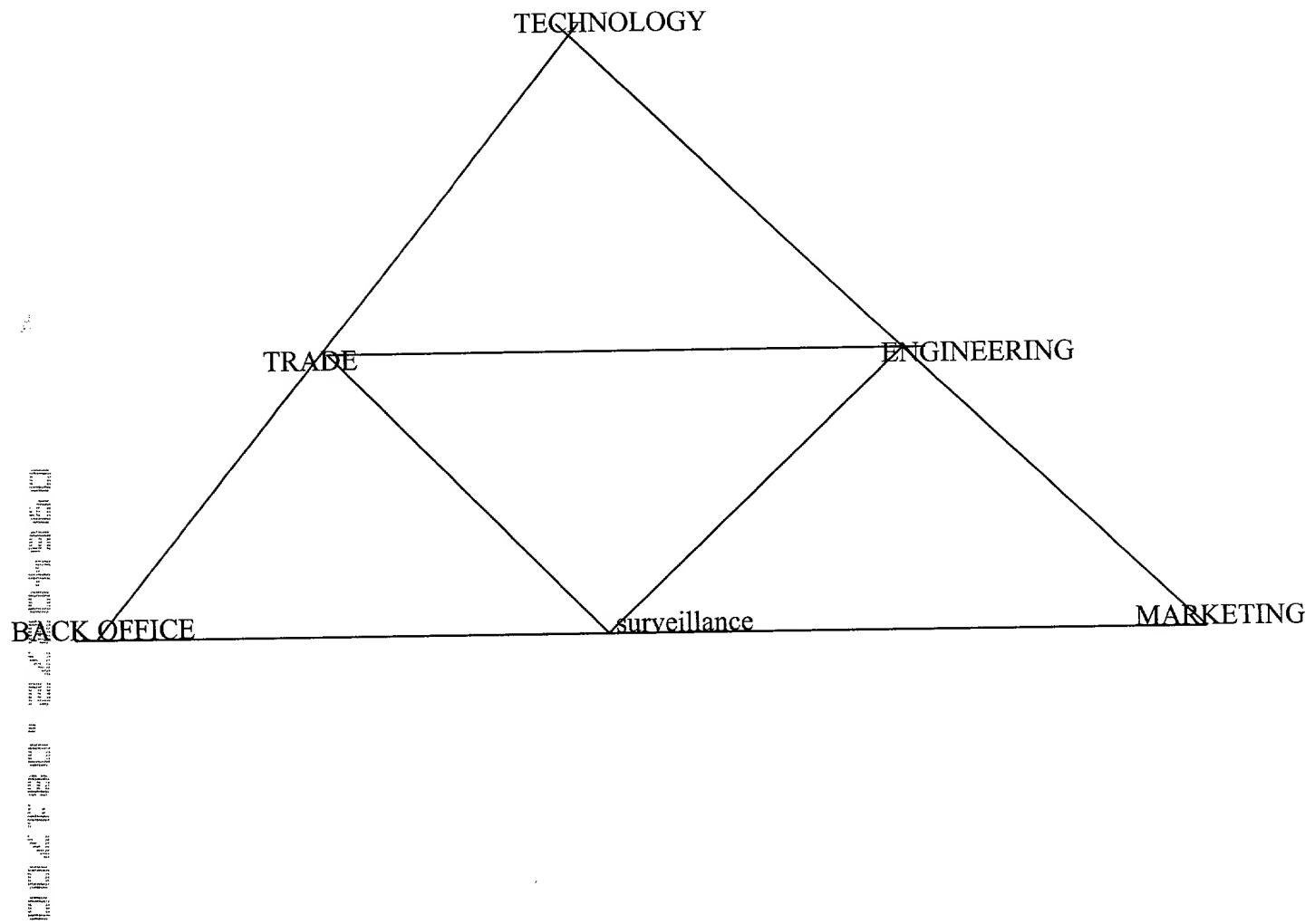
g) Claims

1. The methodology of developing product that can be used as paper trade or security
2. The business model that allows a trading platform for these products

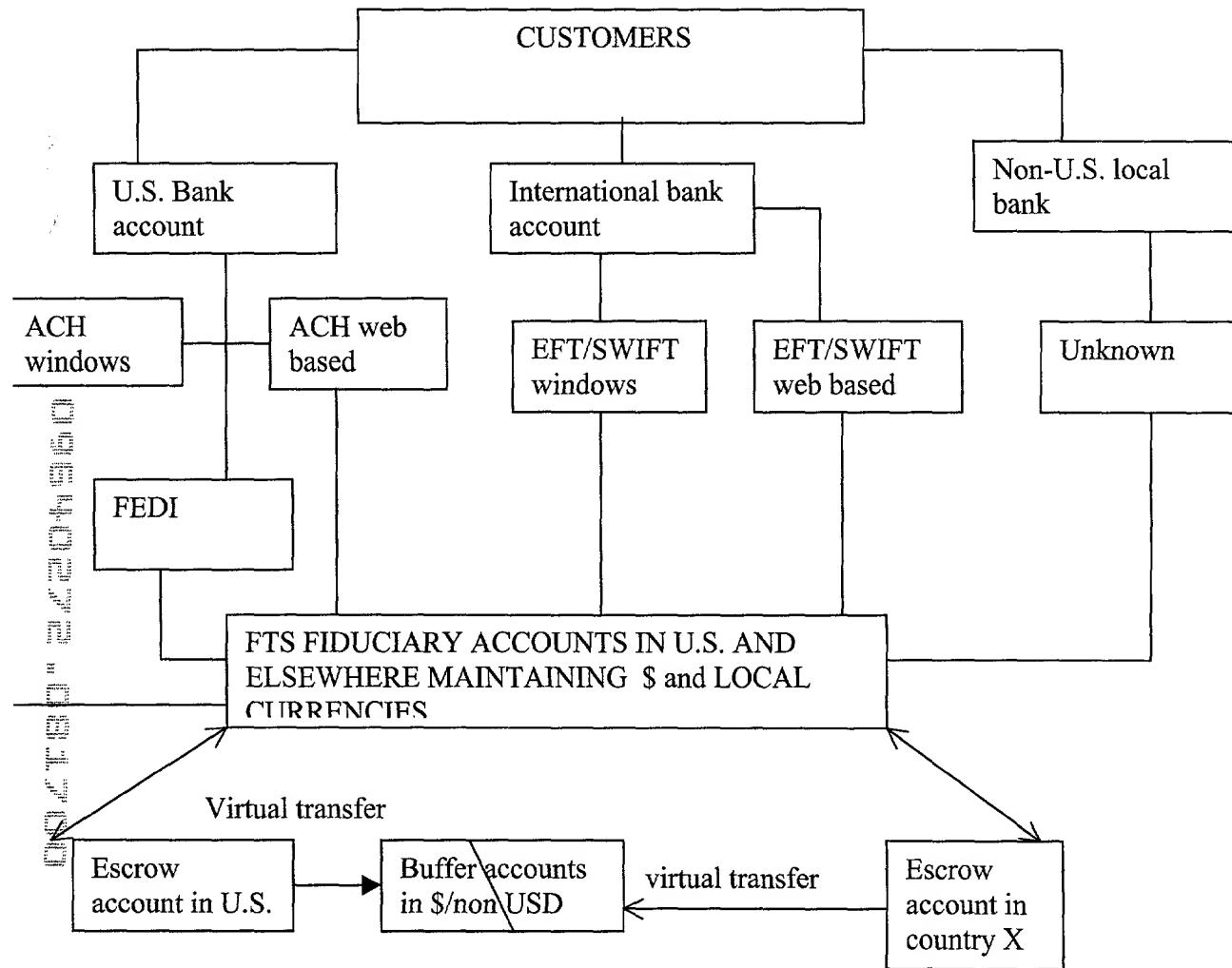
h) Abstract of Disclosure

a real-time, trading platform that integrates an automated, double-sided auction system with robust, scaleable technology for cash management and settlement and a combination of new and traditional financial instruments for hedging both commodity price and foreign exchange risk. The new business model replaces the inefficient market with a comprehensive trading platform and integrated risk management capability constituting an important evolutionary paradigm for supply chain management in the manufacturing arena

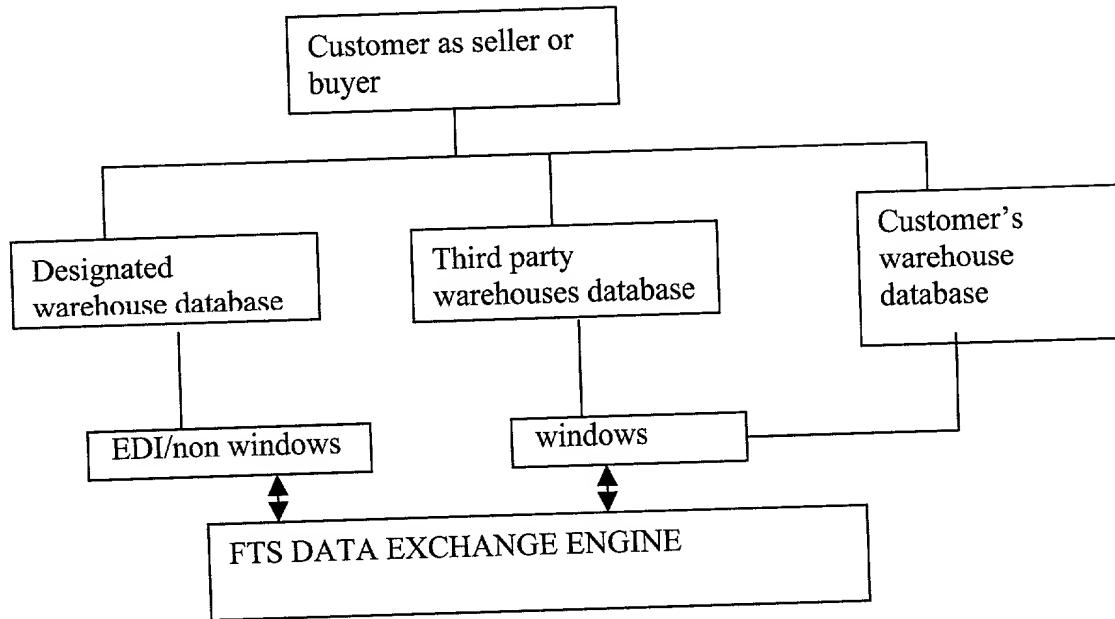
Business Model



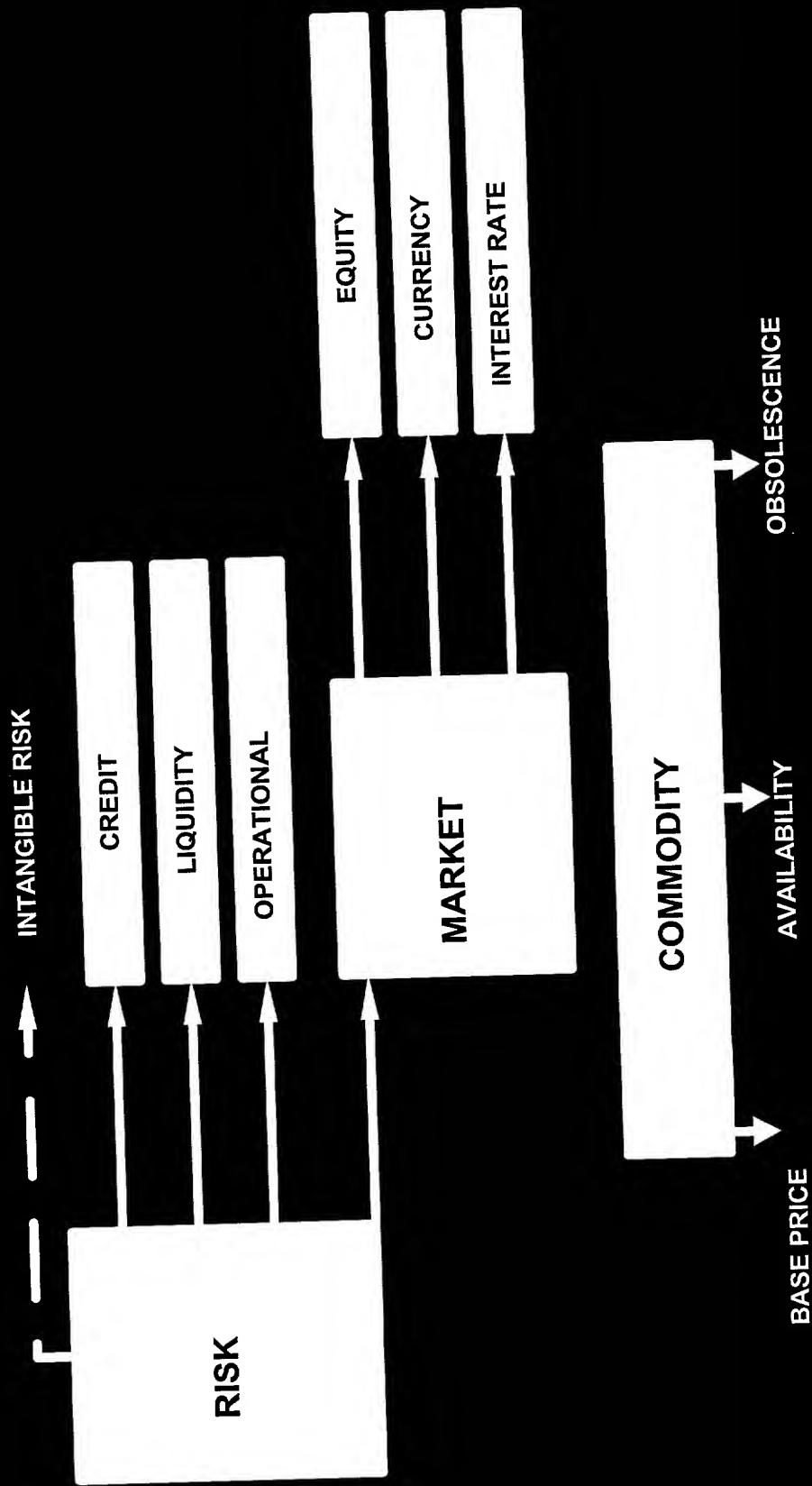
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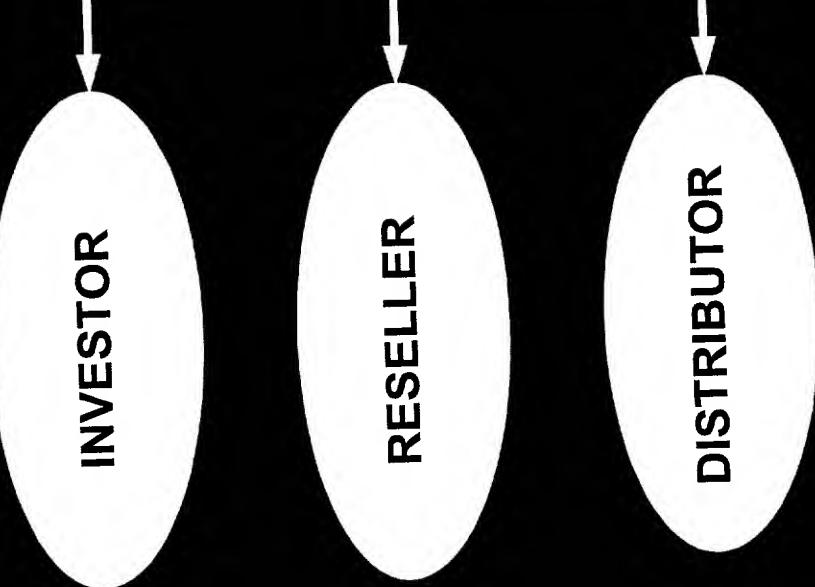
GLOBAL PHYSICAL DELIVERY INTERFACE



Managing Manufacturers Risk

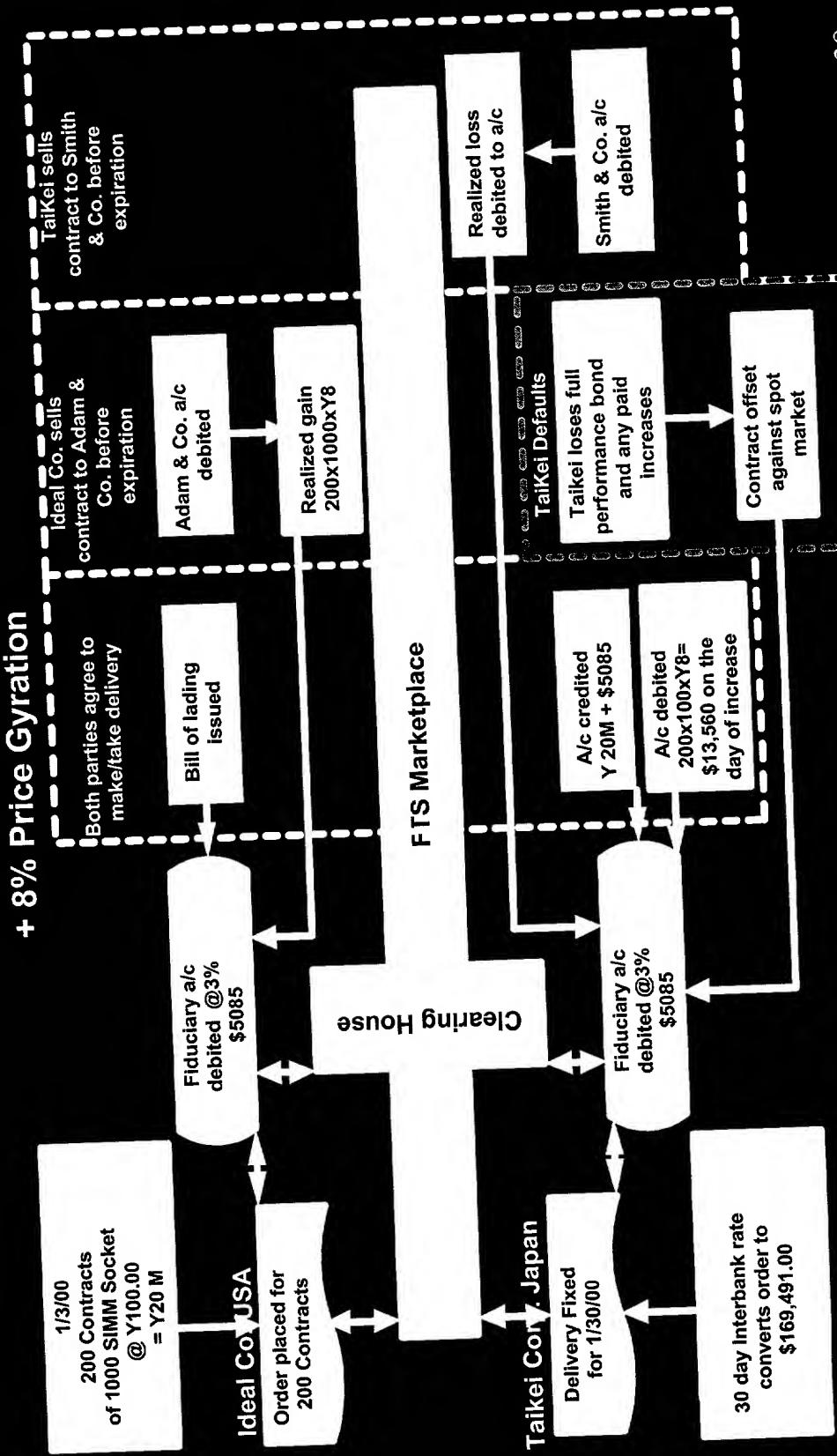


Risk Management

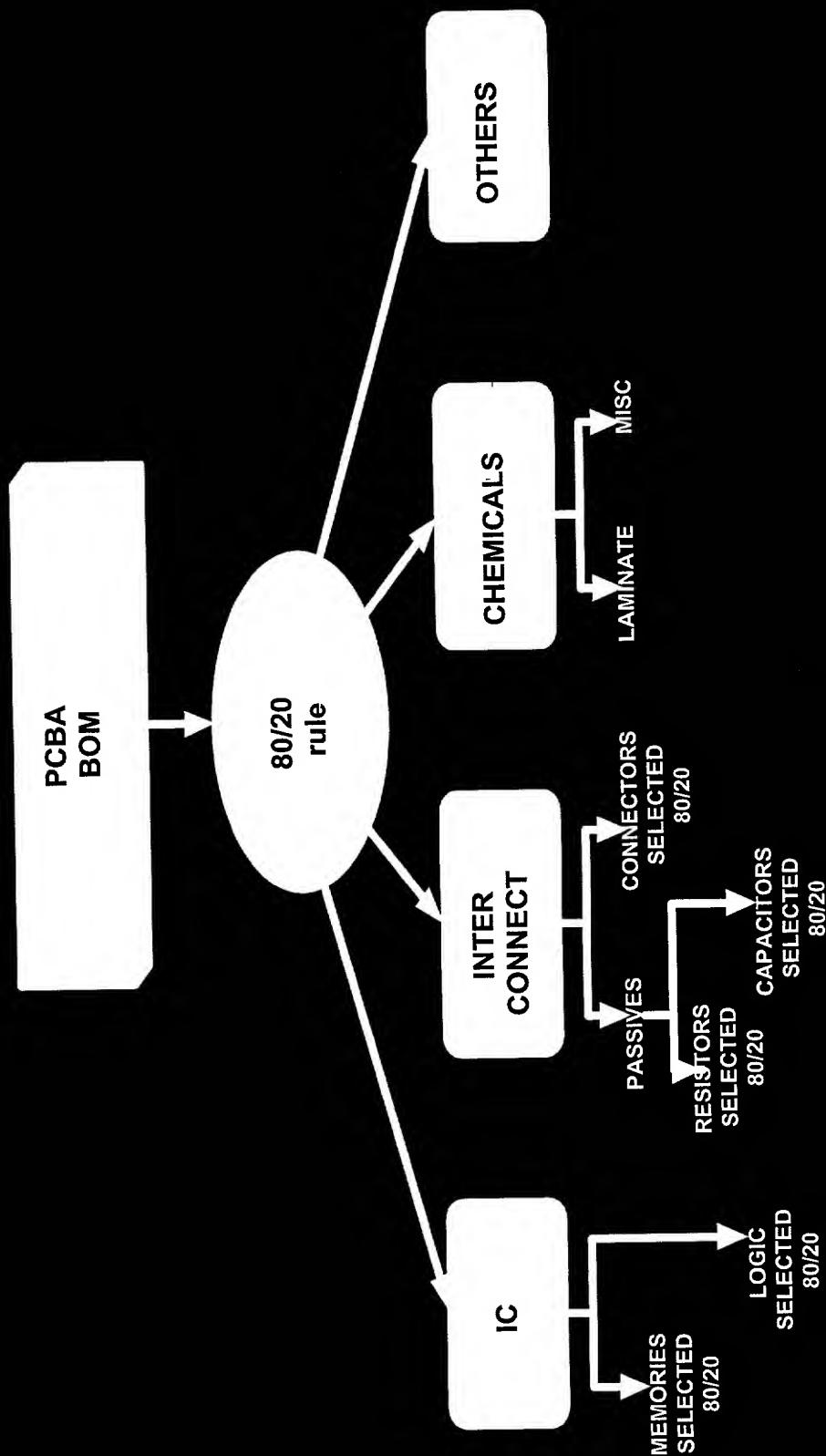


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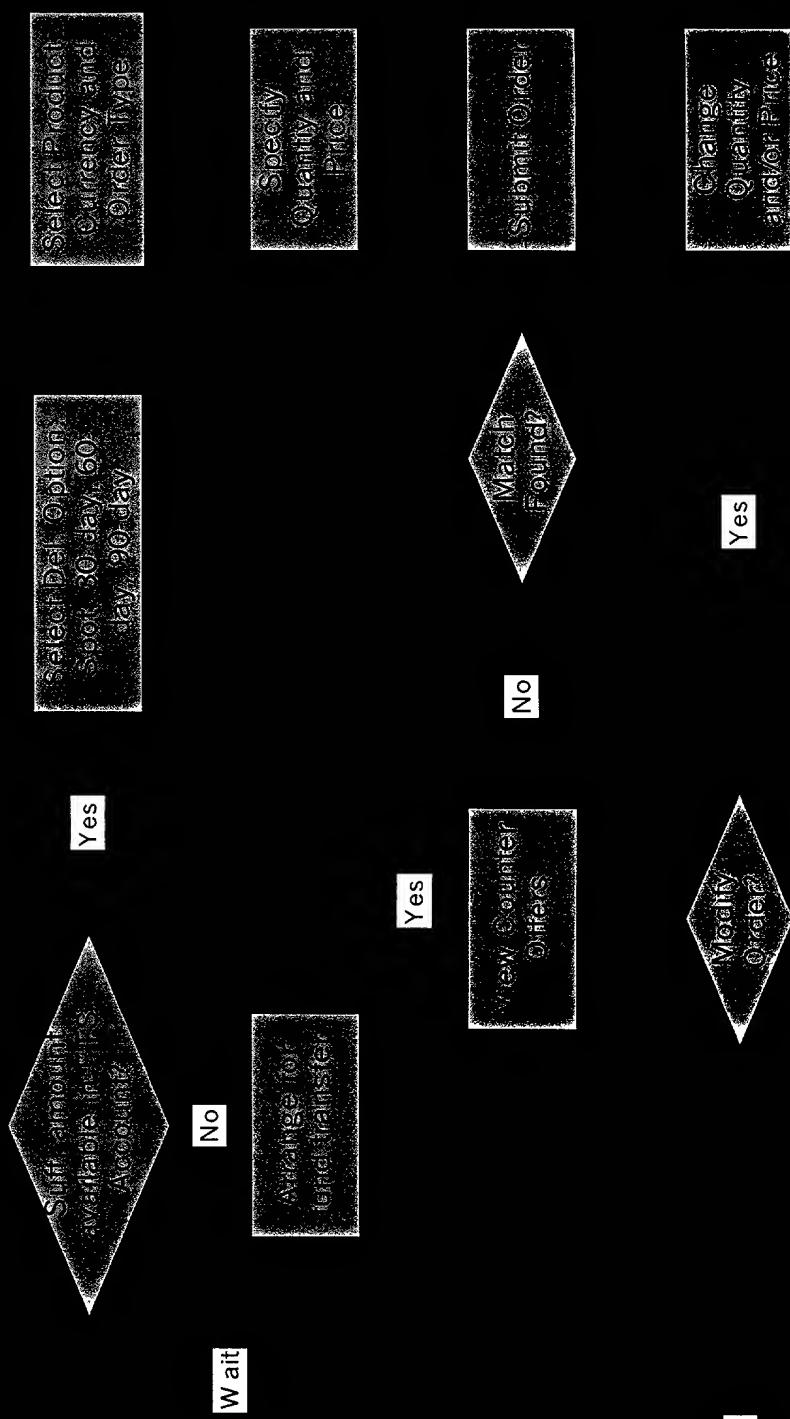


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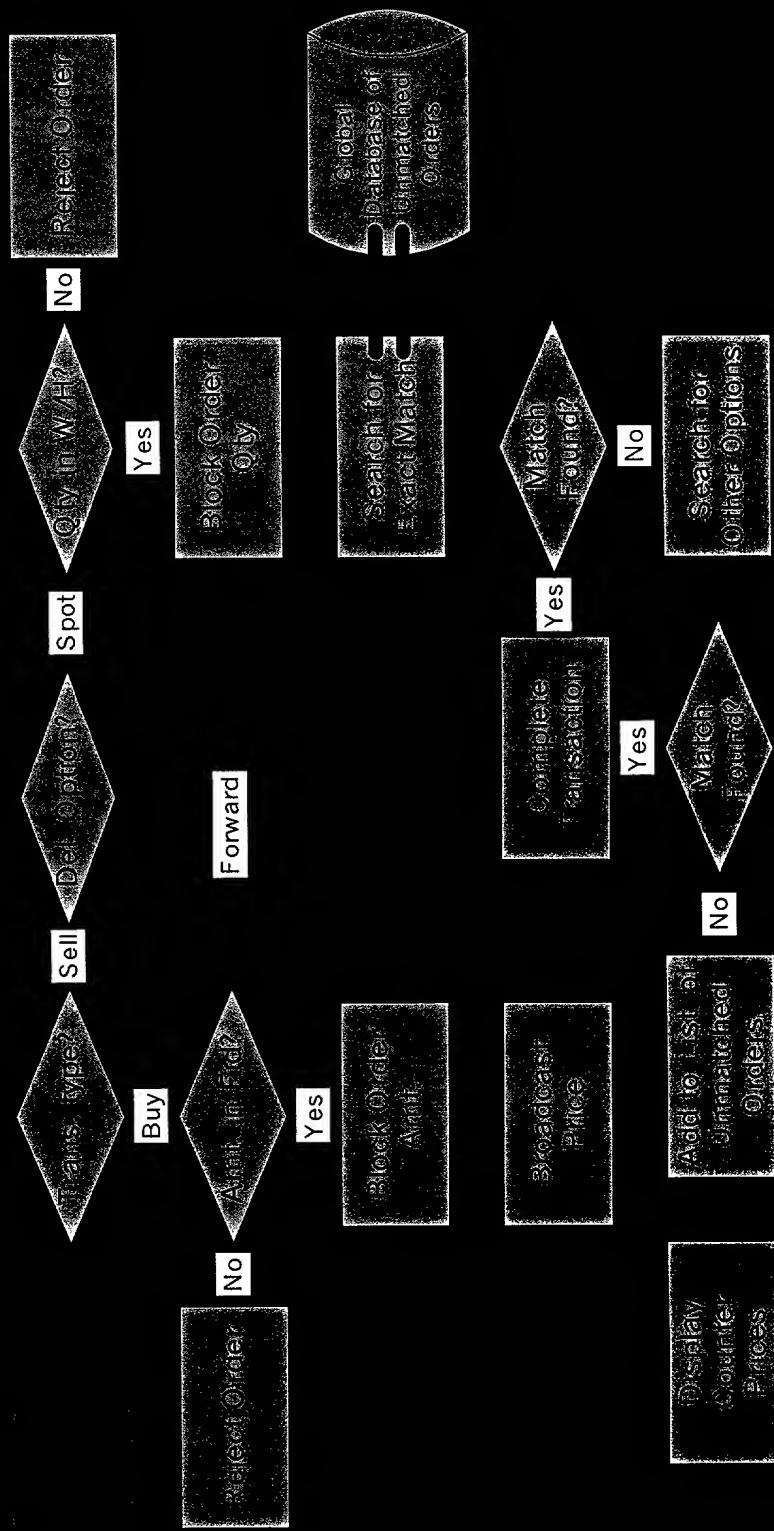
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Order Processing - Sys. View



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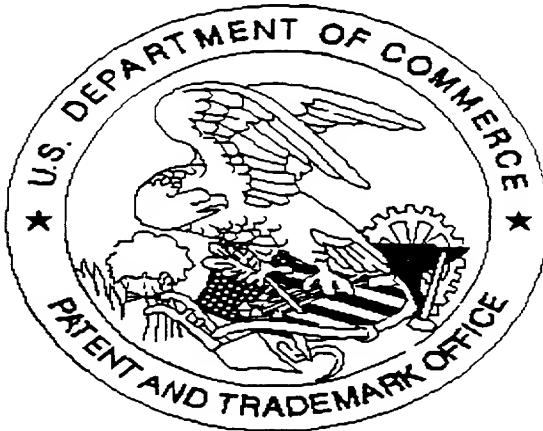
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